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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE

1. ON JANUARY 9 ACDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZURHELLEN TOLD EMBASSIES OF FRG (MINISTER NOEBEL), UK (COUNSELOR WILBERFORCE), AND CANADA (COUNSELOR TURNER) THAT FRENCH GROUP WILL COME TO WASHINGTON EARLY NEXT WEEK FOR CONTINUATION OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING U.S. PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE. ZURHELLEN CALLED ATTENTION MARTINIQUE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE, WHICH ASSUMES DESIRABILITY OF COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO ASSURE IMPROVED SAFEGUARDS OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS. FRANCE HAS NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR REJECTED A JOINT MEETING OF SUPPLIERS AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING SUCH COORDINATION, BUT DESIRED FURTHER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BEFORE

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REACHING CONCLUSIONS.

2. ZURHELLEN FURTHER STATED WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THREE EMBASSIES AFTER OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH.

3. WILBERFORCE ASKED WHETHER THIS INFORMATION WAS BEING GIVEN ALL COUNTRIES INVITED TO CONFERENCE. HE WAS INFORMED THAT WE FELT SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO KEEP INFORMED THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ACCEPTED CONFERENCE (WHICH WILBERFORCE CORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THAT WE WERE NOT MAKING THIS APPROACH TO JAPANESE NOW). (FYI: INFORMATION WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN SOVIETS).

4. ALL THREE EXPRESSED THANKS FOR INFORMATION AND INTEREST IN BEING KEPT INFORMED ON PROGRESS WITH FRENCH.

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